Document Set 1

THE NEUTRALITY OF BELGIUM

TREATIES RELATIVE TO  
THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM

signed at London, April 19, 1839.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BY   
COMMAND OF HER MAJESTY, 1839

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**Document A**

1. Treaty between Great Britain, Austria, France, Prussia and Russia, on the one part, and the Netherlands, on the other.  
In the Name of the Most Holy and Indivisible Trinity.

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary and Bohemia, His Majesty the King of the French, His Majesty the King of Prussia, and His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, having taken into consideration their Treaty concluded with His Majesty the King of the Belgians, on the 15th of November 1831; and His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, Grand Duke of Luxembourg, being disposed to conclude a definite arrangement on the basis of the 24 Articles agreed upon by the Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, Austria, France, Prussia, and Russia on the 14th of October, 1831; their said Majesties have named for their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say: \* \* \*

**Document B**

7 October, 1879  
The Dual Alliance Between Austria-Hungary and Germany

ARTICLE 1. Should, contrary to their hope, and against the loyal desire of the two High Contracting Parties, one of the two Empires be attacked by Russia the High Contracting Parties are bound to come to the assistance one of the other with the whole war strength of their Empires, and accordingly only to conclude peace together and upon mutual agreement.

## Document C

## 20 May, 1882 The Triple Alliance (Italy, German, Austria-Hungary)

ARTICLE 1. The High Contracting Parties mutually promise peace and friendship, and will enter into no alliance or engagement directed against any one of their States.

**Document D**



*Cartoon depicting the relationships between countries in Europe.*

<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/6/67/World_war_one_web_alliance.jpg>

**Document E**

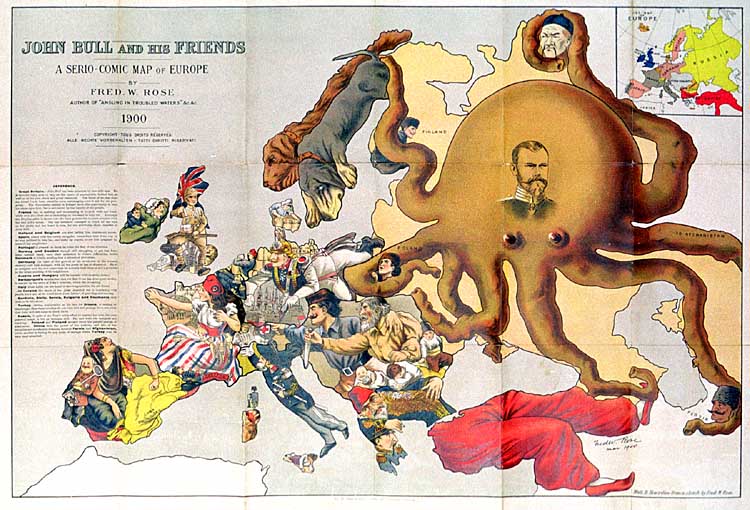


*Chain of reactions, countries supporting each other that get pulled into war*

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Chain_of_Friendship_cartoon.gif>

Document Set 2

**Document F**



<http://shaneleavy.blogspot.com/2011_10_01_archive.html>

**Document G**

<http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/IB_History/Route_2/Causes,_Practices,_and_Effects_of_Wars/The_Causes_of_World_War_I>

**Document H**



<http://blsciblogs.baruch.cuny.edu/his1005spring2011/category/march-7-assignment/>

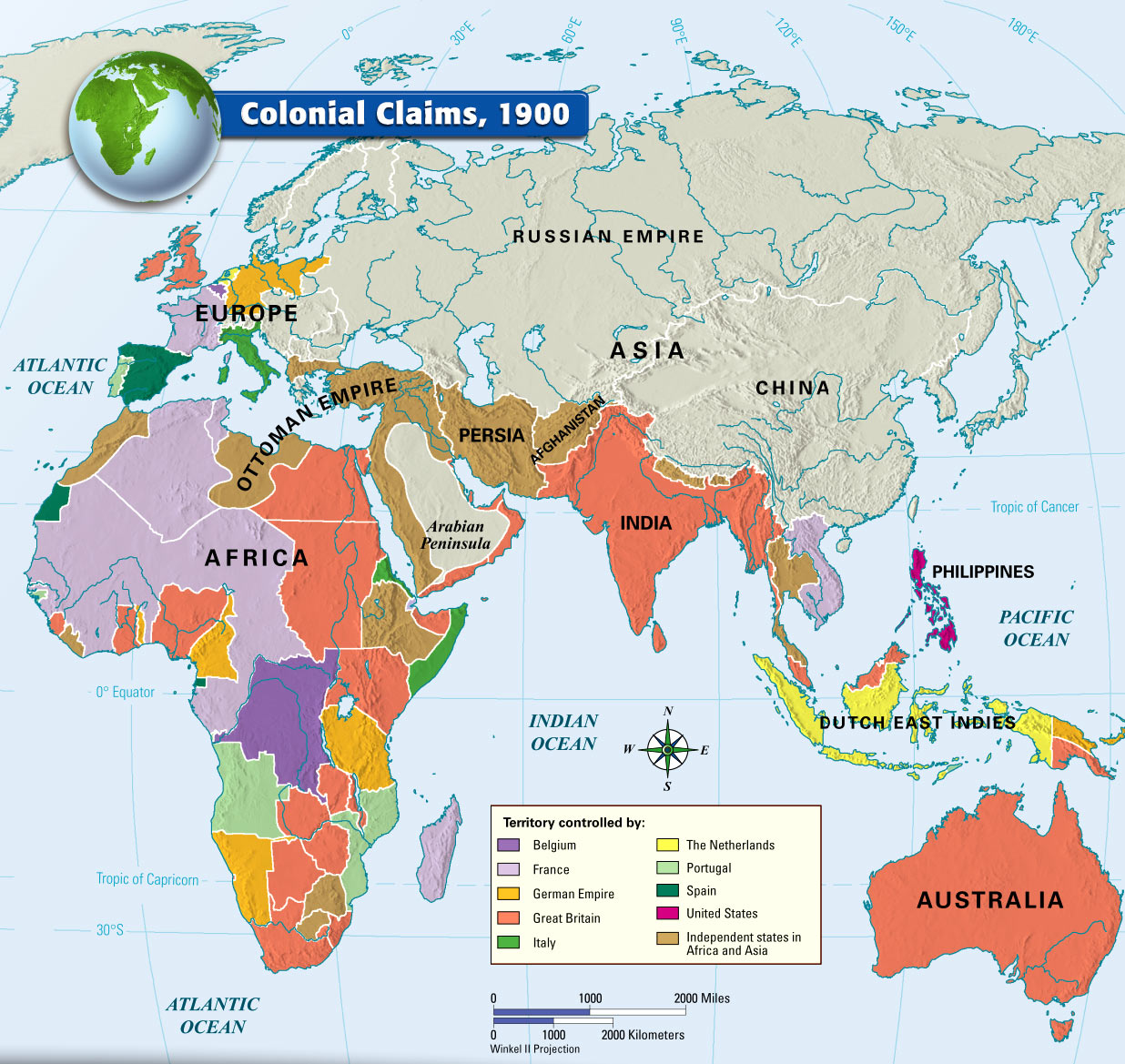
Document Set 3

**Document I**



<http://mrshellshear.wikispaces.com/World+War+One>

**Document J**



<http://images.classwell.com/mcd_xhtml_ebooks/2005_world_history/images/mcd_mwh2005_0618377115_p337_f01.jpg>

**Document K**



<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/cph.3g08791/>

Document Set 4

**Document L**

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| **The naval strength of the powers in 1914** | | | |
| **Country** | **Personnel** | **Large Naval Vessels (**[**Dreadnoughts**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dreadnoughts)**)** | **Tonnage** |
| Russia | 54,000 | 4 | 328,000 |
| France | 68,000 | 10 | 731,000 |
| Britain | 209,000 | 29 | 2,205,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **331,000** | **43** | **3,264,000** |
| Germany | 79,000 | 17 | 1,019,000 |
| Austria-Hungary | 16,000 | 4 | 249,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **95,000** | **21** | **1,268,000** |
| (Source: Ferguson 1999, p. 85) | | | |

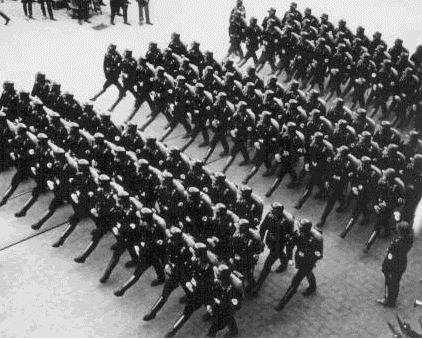
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Causes_of_World_War_I>

**Document M**

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| Armed forces of Europe in 1914: | | |
|  | Soldiers | Warships |
| Germany | 2,200,000 | 97 |
| Austria-Hungary | 810,000 | 28 |
| Italy | 750,000 | 36 |
| France | 1,125,000 | 62 |
| Russia | 1,200,000 | 30 |
| Great Britain | 711,000 | 185 |

<http://mrshellshear.wikispaces.com/World+War+One>

**Document N**



<http://blsciblogs.baruch.cuny.edu/his1005spring2011/category/march-7-assignment/>

Document Set 5



Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, and his wife. 1914

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Archduke_Franz_with_his_wife.jpg>



Archduke Ferdinand is shot.

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Beltrame_Sarajevo.jpg>

Discussion Questions

As you view each set of documents, discuss the following questions with your group members. Share what you already know about the time period and what questions you still have.

Document Set 1 Questions

1. Which countries are making agreements to help each other?
2. How would alliances between countries lead to war?

Document Set 2 Questions

1. What do you think is happening in Europe at this time?
2. What do you think Nationalism means?

Document Set 3 Questions

1. What happened to the world in the 1800s? Which countries own more than 2 colonies?
2. How could taking over other countries lead to war?

Document Set 4 Questions

1. Which countries had the largest armies and navies?
2. Why would countries want to have such large militaries?
3. How could building the biggest and best military lead to war?

Document Set 5 Questions

1. Who is Archduke Ferdinand and why is he important?
2. Why would his death lead to war?